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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application with this listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Multilayer necktie, necktie (1) of the type consisting of at least one portion (P) of fabric defined by three sections (2, 3, 4) held together without continuity solution defining: a first section (2) a blade of the mentioned necktie (1), standing, in use and in the most customary configuration, in sight, at least partly, on the user; a second section (3) the part knotted around the user's neck; a third section (4) a second blade, as wide as or wider than the first blade consisting of the first section (2), opposed to the same first blade (2) and standing, in use, in sight, at least partly, on a user; all three of the sections (2, 3, 4) being suitable, when in use, to make a knot (5) of the necktie, standing on the front part of the user's neck, characterized in that it has a second portion of fabric (6), superimposed on the mentioned first portion (P) of fabric in a position diametrically opposed to the largest blade (4) so that no portion of fabric is superimposed on the widest blade (4), joined or joinable to the same first portion, by means of relevant attachments (7), with this mentioned second portion (6) having an extension (S1) equal or almost equal to the extension (S'') of the mentioned first and second section (2, 3) and width sizes (L6a, L6b) equal to, or preferably smaller than, the widths (L2, L3) of the mentioned first and second section (2, 3), so as to obtain a partial covering, widthwise and possibly lengthwise, of the same first and second sections (2, 3) of the mentioned first portion (P), so that the necktie is able to show at least partially, when knotted, three blades (6a, 2, 4) or only one blade (4), such as in an usual necktie, if knotted in another way and all that even if no blade of the necktie is made in a reversible fashion.

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2. (Original) Necktie, according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned second portion (6) has an extension (S) equal or almost equal to the extension (S') of the mentioned first section (2) of the mentioned first portion (P) and a width size (L6a) equal to, or preferably lower than, the width (L2) of the mentioned first section (2), so as to obtain a partial covering, widthwise and possibly also lengthwise, of the first section (2) of the mentioned first portion (P).

3. (Withdrawn) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned second portion (6) has an extension (S2) equal or almost equal to the extension (S'') of the mentioned third section (4) of the mentioned first portion (P) and a width size (L6c) equal to, or preferably smaller than, the width (L4) of the mentioned third section (4), so as to obtain a partial covering, widthwise and possibly also lengthwise, of the same third section (4) of the mentioned portion (P).

4. (Withdrawn) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned second portion (6) has an extension (S3) equal or almost equal to the extension (S''') of the mentioned second and third section (3, 4) of the mentioned first portion (P) and width sizes (L6b, L6c) equal to or preferably smaller than the width (L4) of the mentioned third section (4), so as to obtain a partial covering, widthwise and possibly also lengthwise, of the same third section (4) of the mentioned first portion (P).

5. (Original) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned second portion (6) defines three sections (6a, 6b, 6c), similar to the mentioned first, second and

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third sections (2, 3, 4) of the mentioned first portion (P), dimensionally preferably smaller than the corresponding mentioned three sections of the mentioned first portion (P), so as to obtain a partial covering, widthwise, of the three mentioned sections (2, 3, 4) of the mentioned first portion (P).

6. (Original) Necktie according to claim 5, characterized in that the mentioned first, second and third sections (6a, 6b, 6c) of the mentioned second portion (6) have a length (Lu) shorter than the length (Lu') of the corresponding three sections (2, 3, 4) of the mentioned first portion (P).

7. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it shows, once knotted in sight on the user in a way that, at least partly, three blades are visible, a knot (5) in which at least two different portions of fabric (St1, St2) can be seen.

8. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 5, characterized in that it shows, once knotted in sight on the user, in a way that, at least partly, four blades are visible, a knot (5) in which at least two different portions of fabric (St1, St2) can be seen.

9. (Withdrawn) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it shows, once knotted in sight on the user in a way that, at least partly, three blades are visible, a knot (5''') in which three different portions of fabric (St3, St4, St5) can be seen, since this is formed by a second portion (6) consisting of two portions (D, A), superimposed, with the necktie hanging and not knotted, on a portion (B) representing the mentioned first portion (P).

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10. (Withdrawn) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it shows, once knotted in ight on the user in a way that, at least partly, four blades are visible, a knot (5'') in which four different portions of fabric (St6, St7, St8, St9) can be seen, since this is formed by a second portion (6) consisting of three portions (D, A, C), superimposed, with the necktie hanging and knot knotted, on a portion (B) representing the mentioned first portion (P).

11. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it shows, once knotted in sight on the user, one single blade (4), like a traditional necktie, and a traditional knot (20) made of one single type of fabric.

12. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 5, characterized in that it can show, once in sight on the user, only two blades (6c, 4).

13. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that, when looking at the necktie lying on a surface with the longitudinal axis running from the left to right hand-side of the viewer, the surfaces destined to be in sight of the left blades (Pv6a, Pv2) can be found to be upside-down compared to the surfaces destined to be in sight of the opposite blades (Pv4, and possibly Pv6c).

14. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it has at least one portion (P) made in a reversible fashion therefore, showing, once knotted in a certain way around the user's neck, one single blade like a traditional necktie and a traditional knot (20) made of one single portion of fabric.

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15. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it has at least one of the joinable portions (B, A, C and possibly D) made in a reversible fashion.

16. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned second portion (6) is joined to the mentioned first portion (P) by means of irreversible attachments(7) standing between the two mentioned portions (P, 6).

17. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned second portion (6) is joined to the mentioned first portion (P) by means of reversible attachments (7) standing between the two mentioned portions (P, 6).

18. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that all or part of the various portions (D, A, C or 6a, 6b, 6c) making up the second portion (6) are joined together by means of irreversible attachments (7).

19. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that all or part of the various portions (D, A, C or 6a, 6b, 6c) making up the second portion (6) are joined together by means of reversible attachments (7).

20. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that all or part of the various portions (A, B or 2, 3, 4) making up the first portion (P) are joined together by means of irreversible attachments (7).

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21. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that all or part of the various portions (A, B or 2, 3, 4) making up the first portion (P) are joined together by means of reversible attachments (7).

22. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned reversible attachments (7) consist of a number of strips (9) of material, applied on relevant counter-faced surfaces (Ps, 6s) of the mentioned first and second portion (P, 6) and fitted with a relevant tear attachment and detachment surface (10), reciprocal.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned reversible attachments (7) are adjustable enabling the reciprocal settlement of the blades.

25. (Previously Presented) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that the mentioned first and second sections (2, 3 or A) of the first portion (P) and the first and second sections (6a, 6b or C) of the second portion (6) are joined together with irreversible attachments (7) and they are joined to the second and third sections (3, 4 or B) of the first portion (P) with reversible and adjustable attachments (7).

26. (New) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it has at least one section (2, 3) of the first portion (P) made in a reversible fashion

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27. (New) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it has only the wide blade, constituted by the third section (4) of the first portion (P), made in a reversible fashion

28. (New) Necktie according to claim 1, characterized in that it has at least the second portion of fabric (6) made in a reversible fashion